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Title: AUTOMATED PLACEMENT OF OPTICAL FIBERS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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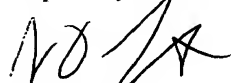
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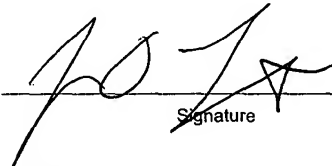
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